

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 11-12 were examined. Claims 1, 3-4, 9 and 11-12 are canceled. Claims 5, 7 and 8 remain in the Application.

The Patent Office rejects claims 5, 7 and 8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-6 of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,385. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, disclaiming the terminal part of any patent granted on the pending application to the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,372,385. Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office withdraw the rejection to claims 5, 7 and 8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims now pending patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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